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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A cable-processing apparatus for positioning cable-ends at processing stations of a cable-processing apparatus, the cable-ends being a leading cable-end and a trailing cable-end at opposite extents of a cable-length to be processed, comprising:

a swiveling arm positioned adjacent a cutting and stripping station and at least one cable-end processing station of the cable-processing apparatus; and

a gripper mounted at one end of said swiveling arm for holding in sequence each of the leading cable-end and the trailing cable-end of the cable-length to be processed, said swiveling arm moving said gripper from said cutting and stripping station to said at least one cable-end processing station and then away from said at least one cable-end processing station, said gripper and said swiveling arm being a sole means for holding and moving respectively the leading and trailing cable-ends of the cable-length in position for cutting and stripping by said cutting and stripping station and for processing by said at least one cable-end processing station.

18. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 17 wherein said swiveling arm is pivotally mounted on the cable-processing apparatus at another end opposite said one end and when said one end of said swiveling arm is positioned at said at least one cable-end processing station and said gripper is holding one of the cable-ends, a cable-axis of the one cable-end being held extends parallel to a longitudinal axis of said swiveling arm.

19. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 18 including a drive connected to said swiveling arm for swiveling said swiveling arm about said another end.

20. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 18 including a platform, a turntable rotatably mounted on said platform with said swiveling arm being attached to said turntable, and a first drive attached to said platform and driving said turntable and said swiveling arm in rotation.

21. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 20 including a second drive mounted on said platform and driving said swiveling arm linearly.

22. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 21 including a third drive mounted on said swiveling arm and driving said gripper in rotation.

23. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 17 including a drive connected to said gripper for positioning said gripper in an axial direction of one of the cable-ends being held by said gripper.

24. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according to Claim 17 including a drive connected to said gripper for rotating said gripper.

25. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing apparatus according Claim 17 wherein said swiveling device is positioned either above or below a cable-line extending through an adjacent belt-drive apparatus for supplying cable to said gripper.

26. (Previously Presented) A cable-processing machine for processing a cable into cable-lengths with a leading cable-end and a trailing cable-end at opposite extents of the cable-lengths to which crimped contacts are attached comprising:

- a belt-drive for providing the cable;
- a cutting and stripping station for cutting the cable-length from the cable and stripping leading and trailing ends of the cable-length to form the leading cable-end and the trailing cable-end respectively;
- a pair of crimping presses for attaching a crimped contact to each of the leading and trailing cable-ends a one of the crimped contacts; and
- a swiveling device positioned adjacent said cutting and stripping station and said crimping presses, said swiveling device having a swiveling arm with a gripper at one end for sequentially holding the leading and trailing cable-ends in position for cutting and stripping by said cutting and stripping station and for processing by said at least one cable-end processing station, said swiveling arm being a sole means for moving the leading and trailing cable-ends from said cutting and stripping station to said crimping presses and away from said crimping presses.

27. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 26 wherein said swiveling arm is pivotally mounted on said swiveling device at another end opposite said one end and a cable-axis of a one of the cable-ends being held by said gripper extends parallel to a longitudinal axis of said swiveling arm when said one end of said swiveling arm is positioned at one of said crimping presses.

28. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 27 including a platform, a turntable rotatably mounted on said platform with said swiveling arm being attached to said turntable, and a first drive attached to said platform and driving said turntable and said swiveling arm in rotation.

29. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 28 including a second drive mounted on said platform and driving said swiveling arm linearly.

30. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according to Claim 29 including a third drive mounted on said swiveling arm and driving said gripper in rotation.

31. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according Claim 26 wherein said swiveling device is positioned either above or below a cable-line extending through said belt-drive.

32. (Previously Presented) The cable-processing machine according Claim 26 including a cable transportation belt positioned adjacent said swiveling device for holding the leading cable-end while said swiveling device is moving the trailing cable-end.